

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Little Mountain, South Carolina
6th Sunday of Easter

We Prepare for Worship

Silence and Meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Dedication of Paschal Candle & Stand

(* *Please stand as able*)

*Gathering Hymn *One There Is, Above All Others*

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

*Apostolic Greeting

*Kyrie

*Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast...*

*Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray together.

C. Holy and almighty God, how wonderful it is that you call us into relationship through your Son and he calls us friend. Enable us by your Holy Spirit to love you so fully that we love you above all things; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

(*We Sit*)

God's Word Proclaimed

The First Lesson

Psalms 98

The Second Lesson

*The Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, Lord to whom...*

*The Holy Gospel

*The Gospel Response

(*We Sit*)

Acts 10:34-48

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1 John 5:1-8

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John 15:9-17

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The Children's Sermon: *All of God's little Children are asked to come forward for a special message just for them!*

The Congregation is invited to sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the children come forward.

The Sermon "Whom Will You Serve?" Pastor Randy Drafts

*The Hymn of the Day *Come, Gracious Spirit* Hymn 475
*The Creed page 65
*The Prayers
*The Peace
(*We Sit*)

We Offer Our Thanks and Praise to God

The Offering

The Anthem

*The Offertory Hymn

*The Offertory Prayer

*The Great Thanksgiving

*The Eucharistic Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer

Communion: *All are welcome at the Lord's Table!*

We receive Communion at the Chancel steps. If you are unable to partake of the bread or wine, the church affirms our Lord's presence in each element. Children who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come up and receive Communion, please notify an usher and we will gladly serve you Communion in the pew.

Lamb of God

*Post Communion Blessing

*Post Communion Canticle *Thank the Lord...*

*Post Communion Prayer

God Sends Us Into The World

*Blessing

*Sending Song *Now Thank We All Our God*

*Sending and Charge

*Doxology

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Hymn 534

Hymn 564

Before Worship: Speak to the Lord

During Worship: Let the Lord speak to you

After Worship: Speak to each other

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

By Brian & Kim Silver

The new Paschal Candle and Stand are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jessica Grooms and Robert Wicker by Brenda Wicker, Renae & Larry Grooms, and Robbie & Sheri Wicker.

Stewardship Minute

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:7

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY...MAY 19TH

If you are graduating High School, College or Technical School, we would like to celebrate with you! Please email your information to the church office at office@holylc.org by May 5th.

Information needed includes: school you attended, degree earned, activities in which you participated, honors received and future plans.

Faith Circle will meet in the TLC on Tuesday, May 7th at 2:00 p.m.
Leader: Janet Fulmer; Hostess: Ann Sanders

Prayers: Rebecca Bennett (Friend of Hannah Drafts), Family of Ariel Brown (Friend of Owen Linton), Micheal Torrence, Judy Shealy, Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie & Andy Bickley, Broko Boland (nephew of Carmen Boland), Gerald & Jonell Shealy, Marilyn Plampin. *If you would like to include someone on our weekly prayer list, please call Pastor Randy at (803) 537-2303. Unless otherwise notified of a need, members will remain on the list for one month and non-members for two weeks.*

First Reading: Acts 10:34-48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” ⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶Or they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Psalm 98 (ESV)

¹Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
²The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
⁴Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
⁵Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!
⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!
⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in

it!

⁸Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together
⁹before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is he who came by water and blood — Jesus Christ, not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

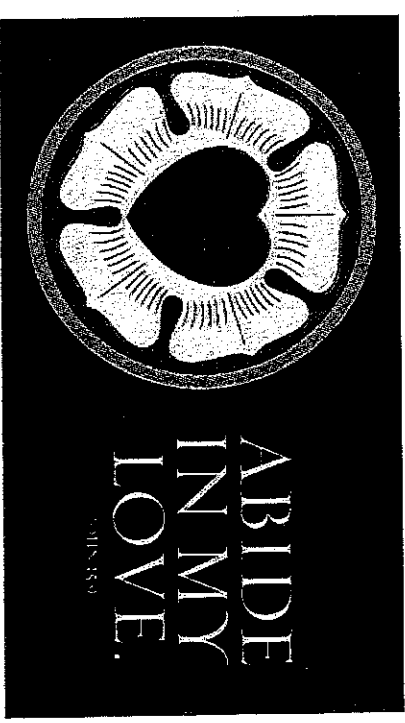
Gospel: John 15:9-17

⁹{Jesus said,} “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing, but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

The theme of love pervades the lessons for this Sixth Sunday of Easter. To love one another is to abide in the love of Christ. Without his love we are incapable of loving one another; but with his love we show the world what love really is -- obedience to the Lord, a sacrificial existence, a sharing of all things good and right. The world does not know true love, but the love of Christ overcomes the ways of the world that are selfish, shallow, and fleeing in nature.

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*“Preaching, Teaching and Serving
in Christ’s Name”*



SERVING TODAY, May 5, 2024

- Acolyte:** Tabitha Armstrong
- Crucifer:** Cooper Morales
- Bulletin Folder:** Barrett Havird
- Lector:** Ava Kate Weaver
- Greeters:** David & Pam Bush
- Nursery:** Jennifer Shealy, Morgan Kaihara
- Altar Guild:** Sheri & Robbie Wicker
- Communion:** Donna Fulmer & Eva Kednocker
- Flowers:** Brian & Kim Stiver
- Usher Chair:** Charles W. Frick
- Elevator:** Tanner Shell
- Ushers:** Don Berley, David Rodgers

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, May 12, 2024

- Acolyte:** Zack Henson
- Crucifer:** Cooper Morales
- Bulletin Folder:** Karsyn Crumpton
- Lector:** Helen Koon
- Greeters:** Bobby & Laurie Chapman
- Nursery:** Glenda Hentz, Amy Collins
- Altar Guild:** Sheri & Robbie Wicker
- Flowers:** Mary Jane, JP, & Kerbeth Zwart
- Usher Chair:** Charles W. Frick
- Elevator:** Tanner Shell
- Ushers:** Don Berley, David Rodgers

If you are unable to serve, please arrange to switch with someone or contact an alternate.

Attendance April 28: Worship: 226 Sunday School: 41

Our Weekly Commitments and Needs – General Fund:

Amount Needed Weekly in 2024	\$ 6,531.00
Amount Received Last Sunday	\$ 4,511.00
Difference	\$ 2,020.00

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Welcome to Holy Trinity!

May 5, 2024

*We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today!
We pray that Christ will touch you with His love so you may be empowered
to be His witnesses in the world. Please join us throughout the week for
worship, Bible study, community outreach and fellowship in Christ Jesus.*

What's Happening This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday, May 5th
 Confirmation 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
 Worship / Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

Monday, May 6th
 Prayer Shawl 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 7th
 Faith Circle 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8th
 Leviticus Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Community Meal 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 9th
 Preschool Graduation 6:00 p.m.
 Revelation Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 10th
 Family Game Night 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 12th
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

COME AS YOU ARE

Community Meal

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Trinity Life Center

Wednesday, May 8th
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for a time of food and fellowship and get to know your neighbors.

No charge for meal.
No reservations needed.
Stop in on your way home from work.

Bring your family and friends.

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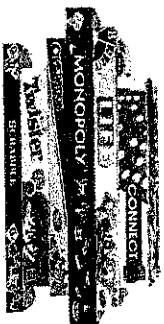


Holy Trinity's Teens for Christ wins the PB&J Competition (our collection is on the far right side)! A big THANK YOU to the congregation for your support. The real winners are Chapin We Care and GAAP, who will use the items to serve those in need.



FRIDAY MAY 10TH 6-9PM

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
LAUGHS, FUN, AND
UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES
AT OUR 1ST FAMILY &
FRIENDS GAME NIGHT!



Please Bring:
Dish/Snack to share
Favorite game (labeled with your name)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Trinity Life Center

VBS

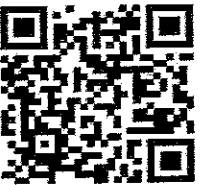
*"For Where Your Treasure Is,
There Your Heart Will Be Also"*

Matthew 6:21

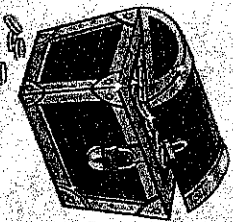
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June 17 - 21

Meal: 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Program: 6:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



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